chemical security, focusing on assessing progress and charting a path forward, including S. 2996, to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, and H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Sue Armstrong, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Peter S. Silva, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Darius D. Sivin, International Union, UAW, Washington, D.C.; Timothy J. Scott, Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, Texas, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; and Stephen Poorman, FUJIFILM Imaging Colorants Ltd., New Castle, Delaware, on behalf of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine oversight challenges in the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) oversight of Part D sponsors' fraud and abuse programs, including its past efforts and planned oversight activities, after receiving testimony from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Robert Vito, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, and Jonathan Blum, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Acting Director, Center for Drug and

Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Howard B. Apple, SafeGuard Services, LLC, Muncie, Indiana; and Christian Jensen, Quality Health Strategies, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

CRIME REDUCING STRATEGIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine encouraging innovative and cost-effective crime reduction strategies, after receiving testimony from Chief Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department, Burlington, Vermont; Chief Rodney Monroe, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte, North Carolina; Chief Dean M. Esserman, Providence Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island; Chief Patrick J. Berarducci, Medina Police Department, Medina, Ohio; and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, Washington, D.C.

VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine mental health care and suicide prevention for veterans, after receiving testimony from Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principle Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Janet Kemp, National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Caitlin Thompson, Clinical Care Coordinator, Antonette Zeiss, Deputy Chief, Office of Research and Development, and Theresa Gleason, Associate Deputy Chief Consultant and Chief Psychologist, both of Mental Health Services, and Al Batres, Director for Readjustment Counseling for Veterans Centers, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; M. David Rudd, University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Science, Salt Lake City; Clarence Jordan, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel J. Hanson, South Saint Paul, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4735–4752; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79; H. Con. Res. 246; and H. Res. 1135–1136 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Schakowsky to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Imam Abdullah Antepli, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Page H1031